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In re the application of:)	
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Naoki KUWATA et al.)	
)	Examiner: Not Assigned
Application No. 10/071,459)	
)	Atty. Docket No. MIPFP007
Filed: February 8, 2002)	
)	Date: November 10, 2004
For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM)	
VIA NETWORK)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

References L-O are in the Japanese language. The relevance of References L and M may be ascertained by reviewing the corresponding English language abstract (see References Q and R, respectively). The relevance of References N and O may be ascertained by reviewing the attached machine-generated English translations of these references. In addition, an English translation of the Notification of Reason for Rejection from the Japanese Patent Office citing Reference N in connection with a counterpart Japanese application is attached for the Examiner's use and information.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fees are due in connection with the filing of this IDS. In the event it is determined that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP007).

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NOTIFICATION OF REASON FOR REJECTION

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The application should be refused for the reason mentioned below. If the applicant has any argument against the reason, such argument should be submitted within 60 days from the date on which the notification was dispatched.

Reason

1. The subject application does not comply with the requirements under Patent Law Section 36(6)(ii) with regard to the scope of claims.
2. The inventions in the claims listed below of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Patent Law Section 29(2) since they could have easily been made by persons who have common knowledge in the technical field to which the inventions pertain, on the basis of the inventions described in the publication listed below which was distributed in Japan or foreign countries prior to the filing of the subject application.

Notes (The list of cited documents etc. is shown below.)

(Reason 2)

[Claims 1, 2, 6-9 ---- Cited Document 1, 2]

The cited document 2 describes sending or receiving image processing control information along with image data. Therefore, it is perceived that a person skilled in the art could have easily arrived at the inventions in the above claims by applying the technique described in the cited document 2 instead of a set of image data and image processing parameters in the image-processing device described in the cited document 1.

[Claims 3, 4, 5 ---- Cited Document 1-3]

It is well known, for example, as described in the cited document 3 to change the conversion processing depending on the specification of output device when converting an image.

If any reason for rejection is found later, it will be notified.

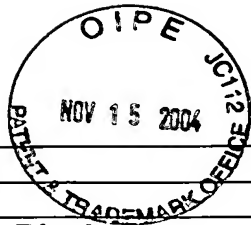
The list of cited documents etc.

1. JP 2000-115688A
 2. JP 11-88672A
 3. JP 11-127415A
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Record of the result of prior art search

Searched field	IPC Version 7
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Prior art documents	JP 6-8537A
	JP 10-191246A

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U.S. Patent Documents

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Foreign Patent or Published Foreign Patent Application

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	L	11-041622 ✓	02/1999	Japan				X
	M	11-327605 ✓	11/1999	Japan				X
	N	2000-115688 ✓	04/2000	Japan			X	
	O	2000-278598 ✓	10/2000	Japan			X	
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Other Documents

Examiner Initial	No.	Author, Title, Date, Place (e.g. Journal) of Publication
	Q	Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication 11-041622, ✓ Pub. Date: 12 February 1999, Patent Abstracts of Japan
	R	Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication 11-327605, ✓ Pub. Date: 26 November 1999, Patent Abstracts of Japan
	S	Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication 2000-278598, ✓ Pub. Date: 6 October 2000, Patent Abstracts of Japan
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